

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: International Application No. PCT/IB2004/002305 filed 15 July 2004

Applicants: KUMAR *et al.*

Application No.: HEREWITH

For: PROCESS FOR PREPARATION OF OXETAN-2-ONES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered prior to examination of the specification filed concurrently herewith, and prior to calculation of the fees therefor:

**In the claims:**

Please delete claims 3, 4, 6, 13-18, 20, 22, 24, 29, 30 and 33 and amend claim 28 as follows.